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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-U.S.-patent documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents (WO 02/089221 and WO 03/019679), the Examiner is referred to the accompanying abstracts, and to the enclosed copy of the English-language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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